

Work Team Lead and Lead Coordinator Summary Template

Objective/Role:

The purpose of the Drought Contingency Plan is to minimize drought impacts by improving agency coordination; enhancing monitoring and early warning capabilities; water shortage impact assessments; and preparedness, response, and recovery programs. The plan identifies an integrated, regional approach to addressing drought, drought action levels, and appropriate agency responses as drought conditions change.

An Interagency Drought Task Force (Task Force) will be convened to provide coordination among agencies. The Task Force will be chaired by the DWR Drought Coordinator with assistance from the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) Drought Coordinator. The roles of DWR and Cal EMA are defined and key duties of the Drought Coordinators are listed in Section V. DWR will coordinate overall drought activities while Cal EMA will focus on emergency response and recovery efforts. Drought coordination will occur through the DWR Regional Offices and Cal EMA Regions, and emergency response will be implemented in accordance with the Standardized Emergency Management System. State agencies participating in the Task Force is expected to function within existing agency authorities, responsibilities, and funding.

The Task Force provides policy direction to the Drought Monitoring Committee and the Impact Assessment Work Groups. The Committee and Work Groups provide situation reports and impact assessment reports to the Task Force, respectively

Key Deliverables:

Creation of Interagency Drought Task Force

Form Drought Monitoring Committee and Impact Assessment Work Groups.

Update of Drought Contingency Plan with emphasis on the role of local entities in responding to drought.

Coordination Venues:

Interagency Drought Task Force

California Water Plan Steering Committee

Tribal Advisory Committee

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